

**PERU UTILITIES
MINUTES OF THE PERU UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING OF
JUNE 19, 2019**

The Peru Utilities Service Board held a meeting at the Peru office at 335 East Canal Street, Peru, Indiana, on June 19, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Akers at 4:00 p.m. pursuant to notice as required by law. Board members present S. Akers, D. Van Baalen, M. Burnell and J. Edwards. Absent: M. Costin. Others present: Attorney Dustin Kern, J. Chance, B. Tillett, B. Hall, J. Beisiegel, J. Clark and T. Alley-City Council Liaison.

1.) APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2019:

Mrs. Edwards moved to accept the Board minutes of June 5, 2019, meeting as mailed. Mr. Burnell seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

2.) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

A motion was made by Mr. Burnell, seconded by Mr. Van Baalen to approve the claims for payment as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

3.) NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in the Utility Service Boardroom.

4.) PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5.) OLD BUSINESS: None

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS INTRODUCTION MEETING:

On Monday, June 17, 2019, Mr. Akers and Mrs. Clark attended a brief meeting with members of the Indiana State Board of Accounts who will be responsible for conducting the audit. The meeting was to let governance know that the audit had started and to express any concerns.

6.) NEW BUSINESS:

A.) APPROVE DISBURSEMENT REQUEST #63 FOR THE PERU WATER UPGRADES:

The Board considered the following disbursement request #63 for the Peru Water Upgrades.

Disbursement #63, Wessler Engineering, for professional services, for \$664.00 for the Peru Water Upgrades.

Mrs. Edwards made a motion to approve disbursement request #63 for the amount of \$664.00. Mr. Burnell seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

B.) APPROVE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT / SWITCHING STATION TRANSFORMER:

Mr. Chance asked the Board for approval to dispose of an unused obsolete transformer. It is believed that this transformer has scrap value and we will be implementing a bid process for the removal and disposal of this transformer.

Mr. Burnell made a motion to grant permission to scrap the outdated transformer, seconded by Mr. Van Baalen. Motion unanimously carried.

7.) CITY ADMINISTRATION UPDATE: None

8.) CITY ATTORNEY’S UPDATE:

Attorney Dustin Kern stated that the City is currently undergoing an audit, which the State Board of Accounts should complete by July 1. Attorney Dustin Kern reported that Mike Walsh has been in contact with SBA numerous times to get an update on the status of the Grissom Water Tower agreement. According to Mike Villa, of SBA, AT&T is still reviewing the contract and correcting items on their construction mapping. Mr. Villa did not have a timeframe when AT&T would get back with them.

9.) MANAGER’S REPORT:

METRONET CONTRACT:

Attorney Dustin Kern reported that the City is considering contracting with Metronet for phone lines and internet service. Mr. Chance said that there is a good possibility that Peru Utilities could provide that service to the City with our existing fiber network. He plans to talk with the City about this matter. Mr. Chance stated that Peru Utilities is looking into a short-term lease with Metronet to lease two pair of our fiber optic lines.

GRISSOM WATER RATE:

Mr. Chance said he had received a request from Mr. Ted Sommers who has asked to tour the Grissom water facility in order to become more informed about the nature of the water upgrade. Mr. Sommers has requested that Mr. Jim McGoff from the State Revolving Fund (SRF) and Mr. Kevin Orm from the Department of Corrections (DOC) also attend. Wessler Engineering will be on hand to discuss the technical and engineering aspects of this project. Mr. Chance will inform the Board of the tour date when the arrangements are finalized. He also said that the County Commissioners have agreed to co-operate with regard to the Office of Community Rural Affairs (OCRA) Grant. Tentative calendar of Grissom Water Rate Public Hearing is July 24 and tentative calendar of OCRA Public Hearings is sometime in October and sometime in November.

APPA NATIONAL CONFERENCE:

Mr. Chance recently attended an American Public Power Association Conference. One of the main themes of the conference was physical security and cyber security. Mr. Chance felt that Peru Utilities’ security measures have improved a great deal over the last couple of years, but there are still more things that should be done. We will have to remain vigilant to these threats in the future.

10.) ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Mrs. Edwards made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Burnell seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

Matthew Burnell, Secretary Peru Utilities Service Board